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Churches Rebuild Neighborhood

Newark, NJ—NJ Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Jane Kenny and Mayor Sharpe James will be a part of the ground breaking ceremony of the **Roseville Resurrection Project**. The ground breaking ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 2 beginning at 10:00 A.M. at the intersection of Dickerson and First Streets in Newark.

"The **Roseville Resurrection Project** is a unique example of faith based economic development," according to Jacqueline Jones MEM Community Development Corporation Director. "Three churches, Roseville Presbyterian Church, Bethany Baptist Church and First Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, are working together with the Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry (MEM) to rebuild the entire Roseville neighborhood," said Jones.

The three congregations will build a total of 100 units of affordable housing for sale in the area along with commercial development. The churches will work with homeowners and community residents to improve and maintain neighborhood-based children and family support initiatives.